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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

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### **Moderator**

Allie E. Batchelder

### **Town Clerk**

Stella F. Batchelder

### **Selectmen**

Allie E. Batchelder

Richard W. Murphy

Chester A. Avery

### **Treasurer**

Stella F. Batchelder

### **Tax Collector**

Margaret W. Murphy

### **Fire Warden**

Allie E. Batchelder

### **Auditor**

William F. Batchelder

### **Supervisors of the Checklist**

William F. Batchelder

Margaret W. Murphy

## WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

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### L. S. THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ellsworth in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said Ellsworth on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, next at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriations of the same.

3. To see how much money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of highways and bridges.

4. To see if the town will vote to qualify for T. R. A. and raise and appropriate the necessary amount for same.

5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the town officers and make appropriations of the same.

6. To see if the town will vote to have inventory blanks distributed at the time of taking inventory.

7. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for debts and interest.

8. To see if the town will vote to authorize selectmen to administer or dispose of land acquired through tax collector's deeds.

9. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to secure the assistance of the State Tax Commission in reappraising the taxable property in the town in order to secure greater equality as between taxpayers and in-

sure the assessment of all property in the town on the same standard of value and raise and appropriate money to pay for same.

10. To see if the town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the division of Municipal accounting and to make an appropriation to cover cost of same.

11. To see if the town will vote to make up any deficiency in the School Account at the close of the fiscal year.

12. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this 24th day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

ALLIE E. BATCHELDER,  
CHESTER A. AVERY,  
RICHARD W. MURPHY,  
Selectmen of Ellsworth.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ALLIE E. BATCHELDER,  
CHESTER A. AVERY,  
RICHARD W. MURPHY,  
Selectmen of Ellsworth.

## INVENTORY

Real Estate	\$29,984.00
Growing wood and timber	9,718.00
Electric equipment	340.00
2 cows	300.00
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Total	\$40,342.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions	400.00
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	\$39,942.00

## TAXES LEVIED FOR ALL PURPOSES

To defray town charges	\$350.00
Town officers' salaries	170.00
Highways and bridges	500.00
Town road aid	54.20
County tax	76.80
Interest and debt	400.00
Schools	275.00
To clean and restock pond	50.00
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Total	\$1,876.00

## Receipts

### From Local Sources:

From Tax Collector—1946 tax	\$1,618.43
From Tax Collector—previous year's tax	247 17
Interest collected	5.28
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Total \$1,870.88

### From State:

Class V highway	\$148.90
Savings bank tax	.89
1945 Reimbursement a-c State and Federal land	268.93
1945 National Forest reserve fund	389.87
1945 Bounties	20.00
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	\$828.59

### From Local Sources Except Taxes:

Dog license	\$1.80	
Motor vehicle permits	9.25	
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		\$11.05

### Receipts Other than Current Revenue:

Postage paid over to Treasurer	\$ .59	
Sale of land	600.00	
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		\$600.59

Total Receipts		\$3,311.11
Cash on hand January 1, 1946		37.67
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Total		\$3,348.78

### Expenditures

#### Salaries:

Allie E. Batchelder, Selectman	\$30.00	
Chester Avery, Selectman	40.00	
Richard Murphy, Selectman,	20.00	
Stella Batchelder, Treasurer	25.00	
Margaret Murphy, Tax Collector	25.00	
Stella Batchelder, Clerk	25.00	
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		\$165.00

#### Election and Registration:

Allie Batchelder, Moderator	\$12.50	
Stella Batchelder, Clerk	8.00	
Margaret Avery, Supervisor	5.00	
Hollis Downing, Supervisor	5.00	
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		\$30.50

#### Town Officers' Expenses:

Pemigewasset National Bank, ser-		
vice charge	\$11.11	
Allie Batchelder, going over land	20.00	
Chester Avery, Tax Com. meeting	5.00	
Stella Batchelder, expenses clerk,		
supplies clerk	20.00	

Fred J. Shores, abstracts	5.75	
Allie Batchelder, expenses and Tax Commissioners' meeting	25.00	
Record Print, printing tax bills	9.75	
Stella Batchelder, expenses and supplies Treasurer	38.00	
Stella Batchelder, copying and book keeping for Selectmen	30.00	
W. B. Avery, supplies	2.71	
Tribune Publishing Co., printing	29.75	
Allie Batchelder, mileage and supplies and money paid out	43.50	
H. W. Noyes, bonds	26.93	
Edson C. Eastman, Co., supplies	25.25	
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		\$292.75
Bounties	\$ 36.50	
Highways and Bridges:		
Winter account	\$556.65	
Summer account	546.71	
Bridges	803.15	
General expenses	21.15	
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Total		\$1,927.66
Town Hall insurance, H. W. Noyes	\$ 5.00	
Tax refund	1.80	
Interest	56.00	
Paid State treasurer, TRA	54.20	
Pemigewasset Nat. Bank on note	50.00	
County tax	76.80	
School District	595.00	
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		\$838.80
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Total		\$3,291.21

#### HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

William F. Batchelder, labor	\$142.54
Allie Batchelder, mileage, expenses and labor	265.62

Sterle Batchelder, labor	67.30	
Stanley Batchelder, labor	36.00	
William Houston, labor	8.25	
A. F. Downing	27.00	
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Winter Account:

Allie Batchelder, labor and mileage	\$371.35	
William Batchelder, labor	58.80	
Sterle Batchelder, labor	62.00	
Stanley Batchelder, labor	42.00	
William Houston,	22.50	
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Total

Bridges:

William Batchelder, labor	\$100.00	
A. F. Downing, labor	83.60	
Sterle Batchelder, labor	99.30	
Allie Batchelder, labor and mileage	230.00	
A. L. Downing, labor	46.15	
Samuel Sutherland, labor	57.00	
Allie Batchelder, paid for supplies, etc.	4.40	
Stanley Batchelder, labor	42.00	
Roscoe Yeaton, planks	68.10	
Harold Avery, Jr., labor	60.00	
Chester Avery, labor	12.60	
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**Town Clerk's Report**

Dog and Auto Licenses

Received from auto permits		\$9.25
Received from dog license	2.00	
Fees retained	.20	
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Paid to Treasurer		1.80
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Total Payments to Treasurer		\$11.05
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STELLA F. BATCHELDER, Town Clerk.

### **Tax Collector's Report**

Committed to Collector		\$1,741.23
Collected and paid Treasurer	\$1,618.43	
In hands of Collector	12.96	

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Total Collected		\$1,631.39
Uncollected as per Collector's list		\$109.84

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Total		\$1,741.23
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The following is a list of the taxes for the year 1946 remaining uncollected as of January 1, 1947.

Ida M. Clark	\$36.56	
Roscoe Duncklee	14.96	
Susie Batchelder	6.48	
Lawrence Hayward	8.64	
Harold Hunnewell	12.96	
Karl W. Jackson	2.16	
Donald Joscelyn	2.16	
Robert Sutherland Estate	25.92	

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		\$109.84
Previous year taxes collected		\$238.63

#### **Total Payments to Treasurer:**

1946	\$1,618.43	
1945	238.63	
1944	8.54	

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		\$1,865.60
Interest		5.28

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Total		\$1,870.88
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MARGARET MURPHY,  
Collector.

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### **FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

#### **Assets**

Cash on hand		\$57.57
In hands of officials		12.96

Due from State:	
Unexpended balance TRA, State treasury	\$532.20
Bounties	36.50
National Forest reserve fund	486.84
Reimbursement a-c forest land	218.15
Unredeemed taxes	285.01
Uncollected taxes, 1946	109.84
Uncollected taxes, 1945	5.00
Uncollected taxes, 1944	5.00
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Total Assets	\$1,749.07
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Due State—Poll taxes	\$ 15.00
Due School District, dog license	1.80
Balance appropriation	230.05
½ National Forest reserve fund	243.42
Pemigewasset National Bank	900.00
Pemigewasset National Bank	500.00
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Total Liabilities	\$1,890.27
Excess of Liabilities over Assets (Net Debt)	\$141.20
Net Debt, December 31, 1945	\$449.60
Net Debt, December 31, 1946	141.20
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Decrease of Debt	\$308.40

#### Auditor's Certificate

I hereby certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

WILLIAM F. BATCHELDER,  
Auditor.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

### School Board

Allie E. Batchelder

Richard W. Murphy

### School Treasurer

Chester A. Avery

### Clerk

Stella F. Batchelder

### Auditor

Margaret Murphy

### Superintendent of Schools

Arthur S. Rollins

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### Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand, June 30, 1945 \$16.61

Received from Town:

July 1945	\$125.00
Sept. 1945	50.00
Oct. 1945	55.00
Nov. 1945	125.00
Dec. 1945	20.00
Jan. 1946	25.00
Feb. 1946	50.00
Apr. 1946	30.00
May 1946	60.00

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Total Available Fiscal Year \$556.61

### Cash Expended

Allie Batchelder, exps. and supplies	\$ 15.00
Pemigewasset National Bank service charge	8.26
State Treasurer, superintendent's excess salary	25.00
State Treasurer, per capita tax	14.00
Allie Batchelder, salary, School Board	5.00

Leona Edgell, transportation	47.00	
Allie Batchelder, transportation	312.75	
Paid Previous Year Bills:		
Campton School District, tuition	109.00	
Chester Avery, Treasurer	5.00	
Margaret Avery, School Board	5.00	
Richard Murphy, School Board	5.00	
Margaret Murphy, Auditor	1.50	
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Total Payments		\$552.51
Cash on hand, June 30, 1946		4.10
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Grand Total		\$556.61

### BALANCE SHEET

Ba'ance June 30, 1946	\$ 4.10	
Balance due appropriations	120.11	
Due from town $\frac{1}{2}$ Natl. Forest fund	194.94	
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Total Assets		\$319.15
	<b>Liabilities</b>	
Tuition Campton School District	\$156.00	
Margaret Avery, School Board	5.00	
Richard Murphy, School Board	5.00	
Chester Avery, Treasurer	5.00	
Margaret Murphy, Auditor	1.50	
Stella Batchelder, Clerk	1.50	
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		\$174.00
Excess of assets over liabilities		145.15
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Grand Total		\$319.15

### Certificate.

This is to certify that I have examined the foregoing accounts and find them correct in all respects.

MARGARET WEED MURPHY,  
Auditor.

## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Ellsworth School Board:

Since all of the children in Ellsworth are receiving their schooling in the neighboring towns of Campton and Rumney, the only matter for me to discuss in this report concerns finances.

For several years Ellsworth has had to carry a heavy financial load which does not promise to become any lighter in the future. A financial statement recently submitted to the State Board of Education shows the financial budget for the present school year.

### Total Receipts

Equalization fund	\$276.79
National Forest reserve	243.42
Amount assessed	275.00
Balance previously appropriated	120.11
Dog licenses	2.00

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Total Receipts	\$917.32
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### Expenditures

Salaries of district officers	\$ 23.00
Transportation of pupils	600.50
High school tuition	102.39
Elementary school tuition	232.00
Per capita tax	10.00
Bills from previous year	174.00

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Total Expenditures	\$1,141.89
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This statement means that Ellsworth will have a deficit of \$224.57 for the school year 1946-1947.

The 1947-48 school budget should contain these items:

Salaries of district officers	\$ 23.00
Transportation	740.00
High school tuition	105.00
Elementary school tuition	267.00

Per capita tax	10.00	
Total		\$1,145.00
<b>Estimated Income</b>		
State aid	\$276.79	
Forest reserve	190.00	
Dog licenses	2.00	
Total		\$468.79

The excess of expenditures over anticipated income is \$676.21. This is the amount that must be raised by local taxation to support the schools for Ellsworth children.

My conversation in the office of the State Board of Education indicates there is a way for the people of Ellsworth to avoid carrying this heavy financial load year after year. When the bills of Ellsworth School District are all paid and there are no outstanding obligations, the State Board will favorably consider a petition that the Ellsworth School District be dissolved. When that is accepted, so far as the school district is concerned, Ellsworth would become unorganized territory. For school purposes it would then be necessary each to year to raise, appropriate and pay to the State Treasurer an amount which will be yielded by a tax of \$3.50 on each \$1000 of equalized valuation. In return for that the State will assume financial responsibility for the education of all Ellsworth pupils whether those pupils are enrolled in elementary or in high school. This, I believe, is the best possible solution of the Ellsworth problem. I recommend that the warrant for the District meeting of March, 1947 contain this article, "To see if the Ellsworth School District will vote to petition the State Board of Education to dissolve said district."

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR S. ROLLINS,  
Superintendent of Schools.

**WARRANT FOR SCHOOL MEETING**  
**L. S. THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

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To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Ellsworth qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town House in said district on the 11th day of March 1947, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer, and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.
9. To see if the Ellsworth School District will vote to petition the State Board of Education to dissolve said district.
10. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands at said Ellsworth this 24th  
day of February 1947.

ALLIE E. BATCHELDER,  
RICHARD MURPHY,  
School Board of Ellsworth.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

ALLIE E. BATCHELDER,  
RICHARD MURPHY,  
School Board of Ellsworth.



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